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“To promote a zero-waste society that advocates for reducing waste, sustainably reusing resources and less landfill use.”

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SF 4117 (Ingebrigtsen)

Dear Chair Ingebrigtsen and Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee Members:

On behalf of the Minnesota Resource Recovery Association (MRRA) trade group representing nine waste-to-energy facilities across the state, the MRRA Board of Directors urge your support for **SF 4117 (Ingebrigtsen)**, closed landfill investment fund transfer.

- **Strengthen the Closed Landfill Investment Fund (CLIF) / SF 4117 (Ingebrigtsen).** A 2010 law transferred \$48 million out of the CLIF to the state’s General Fund. Repayment, with lost interest and other investment earnings, was to be made in three payments during FYs 2014-2017. Only the FY2014 repayment was made; \$38.1 million plus lost interest still has not been repaid with no mechanism in place to do so. CLIF is now available for use. While the 2021 Legislature set up an annual limit of up to a \$4.5 million, with limited additional emergency use authority granted to MPCA, the CLIF will run out of funding to clean up and permanently maintain the landfills that are in the program, as well as others anticipated to be added in the future.

We urge the Legislature to support efforts to strengthen the Closed Landfill Investment Fund. MRRA stands ready to work with policymakers, state agencies, communities, and the private sector to act on public and environmental health issues in 2022.

Sincerely,

Chris McConn

MRRA Board of Directors